

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ruth Y. Goldway, of California, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, after the nominee testified, who was introduced by Senator Clinton, and answered questions in her own behalf.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Clark Waddoups, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, who was introduced by Senators Hatch and Bennett, Michael M. Anello, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and Christine

M. Arguello, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and Philip A. Brimmer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, who were both introduced by Senators Alard and Salazar, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**2008 GENERAL ELECTIONS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice, focusing on protecting the right to vote and preparations for the 2008 general election, after receiving testimony from Grace Chung Becker, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and Barry Sabin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, both of the Department of Justice; Bryan P. O'Leary, Crowell and Moring, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Gilda R. Daniels, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland; and Keshia Anderson, Chesterfield, Virginia.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 12 public bills, H.R. 6842–6853; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 409; and H. Res. 1420–1422 were introduced. **Page H7955**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7955–56**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 6322, to amend the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 to permit the District of Columbia government to exercise authority over the Public Charter School Board in the same manner as the District government may exercise authority over other entities of the District government (H. Rept. 110–782, Pt. 2);

H.R. 6608, to provide for the replacement of lost income for employees of the House of Representatives who are members of a reserve component of the armed forces who are on active duty for a period of more than 30 days (H. Rept. 110–832, Pt. 1);

H.R. 6630, to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from granting authority to a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border unless expressly authorized by Congress (H. Rept. 110–833);

H. Res. 1419, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3667) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and

Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (H. Rept. 110–834);

H.R. 6308, to ensure uniform and accurate credit rating of municipal bonds and provide for a review of the municipal bond insurance industry, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–835); and

H.R. 4081, to prevent tobacco smuggling and to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–836). **Pages H7954–55**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Serrano to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7857**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H7861**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Most Reverend James A. Tamayo, Bishop of the Diocese of Laredo, Texas. **Page H7861**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Recognizing that we are facing a global food crisis:* H. Con. Res. 344, amended, to recognize that we are facing a global food crisis, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 1 nay with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 570; **Pages H7866–69, H7893–94**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the disproportionate impact of the global food crisis on children in the developing world.”

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*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the emergency communications services provided by the American Red Cross are vital resources for military service members and their families:* H. Res. 937, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the emergency communications services provided by the American Red Cross are vital resources for military service members and their families, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 571;

Pages H7869–70, H7894–95

*Condemning the use of television programming by Hamas to indoctrinate hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel in young Palestinian children:* H. Res. 1069, amended, to condemn the use of television programming by Hamas to indoctrinate hatred, violence, and anti-Semitism toward Israel in young Palestinian children, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 572;

Pages H7870–74, H7895–96

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Condemning the broadcasting of incitement to violence against Americans and the United States in media based in the Middle East, calling for the designation of al-Aqsa TV as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist entity, and for other purposes.”

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*Recognizing the historical significance of the United States sloop-of-war Constellation as a surviving witness to the horrors of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and a leading participant in America’s effort to end the practice:* H. Res. 1159, to recognize the historical significance of the United States sloop-of-war Constellation as a surviving witness to the horrors of the Transatlantic Slave Trade and a leading participant in America’s effort to end the practice;

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*Supporting the values and goals of the “Joint Action Plan Between the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the United States of America to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Discrimination and Promote Equality”, signed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Brazilian Minister of Racial Integration Edson Santos on March 13, 2008:* H. Res. 1254, amended, to support the values and goals of the “Joint Action Plan Between the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Government of the United States of America to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Discrimination and Promote Equality”, signed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and

Brazilian Minister of Racial Integration Edson Santos on March 13, 2008;

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*Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the independence of Bulgaria:* H. Res. 1383, amended, to recognize the 100th anniversary of the independence of Bulgaria;

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*Commemorating the Kingdom of Bhutan’s participation in the 2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival and commending the people and the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan for their commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation:* H. Res. 1307, amended, to commemorate the Kingdom of Bhutan’s participation in the 2008 Smithsonian Folklife Festival and to commend the people and the Government of the Kingdom of Bhutan for their commitment to holding elections and broadening political participation, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 395 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 573;

Pages H7879–81, H7928

*Government Accountability Office Act of 2008:* Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5683, to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office—clearing the measure for the President;

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*Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building Designation Act:* H.R. 6168, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the “Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building”, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 574;

Pages H7884–85, H7928–29

*Over-Classification Reduction Act:* H.R. 6575, amended, to require the Archivist of the United States to promulgate regulations to prevent the over-classification of information; and

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*Prohibiting the Secretary of Transportation from granting authority to a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border unless expressly authorized by Congress:* H.R. 6630, amended, to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from granting authority to a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border unless expressly authorized by Congress, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 395 yeas to 18 nays, Roll No. 575.

Pages H7913–18, H7929–30

**Supplemental Report:** Agreed that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 6322, to amend the District of Columbia School Reform Act

of 1995 to permit the District of Columbia government to exercise authority over the Public Charter School Board in the same manner as the District government may exercise authority over other entities of the District government. **Page H7881**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of our brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in our armed forces. **Page H7894**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

**Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 6169, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the “Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building”; **Pages H7885–86**

**Securities Act of 2008:** H.R. 6513, amended, to amend the Federal securities laws to enhance the effectiveness of the Securities and Exchange Commission’s enforcement, corporation finance, trading and markets, investment management, and examination programs; **Pages H7888–93**

**Directing the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to provide individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer by electronic funds transfer with the option of receiving receipts of pay and withholdings electronically:** H. Res. 1207, amended, to direct the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to provide individuals whose pay is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer by electronic funds transfer with the option of receiving receipts of pay and withholdings electronically; **Pages H7896–97**

**House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2008:** H.R. 6608, to provide for the replacement of lost income for employees of the House of Representatives who are members of a reserve component of the armed forces who are on active duty for a period of more than 30 days; **Pages H7897–99**

**Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2008:** H.R. 6475, to establish the Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Program; **Pages H7899–H7903**

**Rural Veterans Access to Care Act:** H.R. 1527, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow highly rural veterans enrolled in the health system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive covered health services through providers other than those of the Department; **Pages H7903–07**

**Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2008:** S. 2617, to amend title 38, United States Code, to codify increases in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans that were effective as of December 1, 2007 and to provide for an increase in the rates of such compensation effective December 1, 2008; **Pages H7907–09**

**Veterans’ Programs Extension and Construction Authorization Act of 2008:** H.R. 6832, to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2009 and to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and **Pages H7909–13**

**Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2008:** H.R. 4081, amended, to prevent tobacco smuggling and to ensure the collection of all tobacco taxes. **Pages H7918–28**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted a determination concerning Presidential Declaration 2008–19 and the proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–145). **Page H7930**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7862.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7894, H7894–95, H7895–96, H7928, H7928–29, H7929–30. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### WEAKENED ECONOMY; HOW TO RESPOND?

**Committee on the Budget:** Held a hearing on a Weakened Economy: How to Respond? Testimony was heard from Lawrence Summers, former Secretary of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### CHALLENGES FACING BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION SCHOOLS

**Committee on Education and Labor:** Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a hearing on Challenges Facing Bureau of Indian Education Schools in Improving Student